

lowAccess Update

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Welcome to the first lowAccess update! lowAccess has been chosen as the name for the intergovernmental effort that encompasses 13 technology projects, a Steering Committee, and a Citizen Council. These projects have been funded by the U.S. General Services Administration and are the product of an eight-month planning process undertaken last year by the Intergovernmental Information Telecommunications and Technology (IITT) Task Force.

lowAccess is led by Jim Youngblood, Director of Iowa Information Technology Services (ITS). Coordination assistance is provided by the State Public Policy Group (SPPG).

For this week, the update will be forwarded to ITS, the Iowa Department of Management, Governor Branstad's office, U.S. Department of General Services, and to Phil Smith. As the effort progresses, these updates will also be provided on a weekly basis to project leads, the Steering Committee, and the Chair of the Citizen Council.

Project Leads and Teams

Project leads and co-leads have been identified by Jim Youngblood and Gretchen Tegeler. On April 22 leads were faxed the list of potential project team members as compiled by SPPG with a request for input. Each potential project team member will be contacted by early next week to assess the willingness and ability to participate.

Each project team will be assisted, and their progress will be monitored, by SPPG staff. Each team has been assigned two specific staff people. A complete listing of staff assignments is attached.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee has been identified and contacted by Jim Youngblood and Gretchen Tegeler. Their first meeting has been scheduled for May 20 from Noon - 1:30 p.m.

IITT Task Force and Work Groups

IITT Task Force and Work Groups have received a letter from Ed Stanek, Iowa Lottery Commissioner and Chair of the IITT Task Force inviting them to attend the May 20-21 lowAccess Orientation and Planning Session. Their work has provided a solid basis for development of the projects and their input will be a great asset in the implementation

phase.

May 20-21 Orientation and Planning Session

SPPG has secured space at DMACC in Ankeny for the Orientation and Planning Session. The morning session on May 20 will be held in the Auditorium in Building B. The May 20 afternoon and May 21 project breakout sessions will be devoted to development of each project work plan, project plan, and budget. More information, including a map of the campus and an agenda for the two-day session, will be mailed within the next week.

Web Page Development

SPPG staff has begun construction of an lowAccess web page in coordination with ITS. This site will be updated weekly with progress on all projects and will have its own e-mail address. E-mail will be checked several times each week by SPPG staff who will respond in a timely manner. This site will be linked with the IITT web page, which is also being updated.

Questions?...More Information?

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